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## SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOWANCE/ EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kevin McKinley on 12/9/2010.

## The application has been amended as follows:

## The Abstract should now read:

-- In a sliding screen door in which a net is formed to be capable of expansion and contraction, and is formed to be capable of freely opening and closing by horizontal pulling, a net guide forms the net guide into a straight line shape in a condition of being led out from a frame member, and a movement of a net-holding member that follow the net guide is made smooth, and many of the guiding elements form the net guide for guiding the lower end of the net and include an approximately u-shape composed of a bottom portion and rising wall portions, and are formed into a series of guide rails that are serially in contact with each other by means of rising wall portions of the adjoining guiding elements, and a net-holding member which is engaged with the guide rails so as to be movable along the guide rail. --

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